

Synopsis of Michigan Renewable Energy Legislation 2011-2012 Pending or Passed Legislation¹

Renewable Energy Standards

- HB 5447 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5447> A bill repealing Section 27 of 2008 PA 295 while amending Section 47. Sponsor: Franz.
- HB 5760 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5760> A bill amending 2008 PA 295 to increase the renewable portfolio standard to 30% by 2025. Sponsor: Olumba.

Property Tax Incentive

- SB 0327 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0327> A bill modifying the definitions of photovoltaic and wind energy systems. Sponsor: Schuitmaker.
- SB 0328 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0328> A bill to revise property tax exemptions and classifications and restrict the classification of certain real property. Sponsor: Schuitmaker.
- SB 0329 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0329> A bill modifying the definition of wind energy system. Sponsor: Schuitmaker.
- SB 0391 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0391> A bill to amend wind energy system classification to real property. Sponsor: Green.
- HB 4104 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4104> A series of bills eliminating personal property tax, creating a personal property specific tax and exempting alternative energy systems (some with exceptions and for a limited time) from this new tax. Tie Bar with HB 4102 and HB 4103. Sponsor: Meadows.
- HB 5278 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5278> A bill to exempt alternative commercial energy systems from certain property taxes. Tie Bar with HB 5279. Sponsor: Damrow.
- HB 5279 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5279> A bill to exempt commercial energy systems from certain property taxes and to create an alternative commercial energy specific tax. Tie Bar with HB 5278. Sponsor: Damrow.
- HB 5510 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5510> A bill to exempt certain small-scale (no greater than 150kw) solar and wind energy conversion devices from taxes under the general property tax act. Sponsor: Glardon.

Income Tax Incentive

- HB 4285 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4285> A bill providing for an income tax credit for the purchase and installation of renewable energy equipment when residential customer participates in net metering. Sponsor: Rendon.

¹Guide compiled by K. Trachsel of Michigan Public Service Commission Staff. Legislation that has passed into Michigan law is identified here with a Public Act (PA) number, following the Senate Bill (SB) or House Bill (HB) number. Check for additional legislation for the 2011-2012 session by searching bills by category for “energy” and “public utilities,” at: [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(hnpa5f554byrtkdbdchgr355\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(hnpa5f554byrtkdbdchgr355))/mileg.aspx?page=CategorySearch).

- HB 4286 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4286> A bill providing for a business tax credit for the purchase and installation of renewable energy equipment and interconnection costs when customer participates in net metering. Sponsor: Rendon.

Off-Shore Wind

- HB 4499 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4499> A bill prohibiting entering into lease or deed or permitting off-shore wind development including research equipment, turbines and transmission lines. Sponsor: Franz.

Local Government

- SB 0763 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0763> A bill expanding the powers of a county department of public works to include acquiring or establishing renewable energy systems. Sponsor: Jansen.
- HB 5508 – <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2012-HB-5508> A bill authorizing participation by residential property owners in property assessed clean energy programs for renewable energy and energy efficiency measures. Sponsor: Irwin.